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ILLINOIS.

The Riverside Park Club's Picnic,

HELD IN HAVANA, ILL.

A Very Successful Affair-- The Games and Names of Winners--Notes.

PEORIA, ILL., Aug. 24.—The seventh annual picnic of the Riverside Park Club, composed of members living in Springfield, Jacksonville and Peoria, Ill., and the surrounding towns of each city, was held in Havana, Ill., which is centrally located between the three cities, on the 18th of August. The picnic was held at a place called Riverside Park, a most beautiful place, showing lovely scenery, and at one side is a broad stream of water called the Illinois River, and the park has three large Indian mounds which contain the bodies of dead Indians and all their utensils. Each year the deaf people gather at the park and roam about and spend the time to their hearts' content. As customary, each year, the deaf people of the three cities get cheap excursion rates to Havana, and this time they were successful again, in securing a fare of 75 cents for the round trip. The Peoria train came puffing towards the station and let off thirty picnickers, and they were first arrivals, but though the Jacksonville train brought over a crowd of forty-two people and they had the opportunity to get off at the park before reaching the station, and lastly Springfield helped to swell the crowd by adding thirty-five people. Then the Peoria and Springfield people were obliged to board another train and were brought to their destination, a mile beyond the station. After complete arrival of all at the park, tremendous hand shaking was seen here and there, and happy thoughts and talks passed to and fro. Later the entire crowd were called in the pavilion and upon the platform stood the officers: Mr. Hainline, of Jacksonville, President; Mr. James Lord, of Peoria, Vice-President; Mr. E. Tilton, of Jacksonville, Secretary; and the Treasurer, Mrs. E. Towne, of Pisgah, Ill., were among the crowd. The president presided over the meeting, and called the audience to order and made an opening speech, to wit:—

Gladness of meeting them, regretting of those who were detained at their homes on account of sickness, lack of chink or want of work, and the refusal of other railroad companies to grant excursion rates. Then he asked for the opening of the regular business. First election of officers for the ensuing year. He called for the names of the candidates for the office of president. The names of Mr. Sidles, of Springfield, and Mr. Molohon, of Jacksonville, were brought up and placed on the ballot, and the result of the voting was 34 to 26 in favor of Mr. Sidles, and he was declared elected president. He was invited to make a speech. He took the stand and thanked the audience for honoring him with the office of president, and said that he would try to do his best to make the next picnic a grand success.

Then Mr. Hainline expressed his ideas to the audience about having an officer for each city, instead of having one city walking off with two or all offices. Others asked for two committees for each city, but later it was withdrawn and Mr. Hainline's idea endorsed. Then an election for vice-president was moved in order, and Mr. W. Tilton nominated Mr. C. R. Howat, of Peoria. There were no other candidates, so Mr. Tilton moved that Mr. Howat be elected by acclamation, and the motion was adopted. Mr. Howat mounted the platform and said: "Ladies and Gentlemen: I thank you for choosing me to be vice-president. I will do my best for the club, not for myself, but for you all." Applause.

Mr. Hainline suggested that the office of Secretary and treasurer be held by one person instead of two. Mr. W. Tilton opposed the suggestion, and advised that the offices be put separately, but said Mr. Hainline's idea could be carried by a two-thirds vote. After a canvass of the votes Mr. Hainline's resolution, it was passed unanimously. Only the name of Mr. E. O. Towne, of Pisgah, Ill., was offered for secretary-treasurer and he was elected by acclamation.

Then the president called for a candidate for park-marshal. Only Mr. Charles McLean, of Pekin, was put up, and he walked off with the honor without any hitch. Mr. Hainline asked if there were any resolutions to be handed in for debate. Mr. W. Tilton claimed that he had two resolutions to make, and he was invited on the platform. First, he suggested that the secretary-treasurer be put under bond of \$5.00 or more if required. He explained his reasons and said that the bond should be furnished by the secretary-treasurer himself, and he could not or should not have any bondsmen, and that the bond be placed in the president's keeping until another secretary-treasurer is elected, providing his report is correct. If not correct, the bond shall be forfeited to the treasury of the club. He made a strong speech and urged its adoption. Mr. Towne asked that Mr. Tilton's resolution be passed, with the exception of furnishing the bond himself, and asked for a couple of bondsmen, but Mr. Tilton insisted that Mr. Towne put up the bond himself.

Mr. John McLean, of Pekin, moved that voting be in order. The result was the passage of Mr. Tilton's resolution, unanimously.

Then Mr. Tilton offered his second resolution about the prizes. He asked that the prizes of books, pins, candy, etc., be changed to charms, badges or medals, as he thought the prize winners would be proud of showing their records. His resolution was passed again.

There were no more resolutions offered, and the meeting adjourned sine die. The contest for prizes was in order. First came the

Men's 100-yards dash—Won by John McLean, of Pekin, Ill.

Ladies 50-yards dash—Won by Mrs. A. B. Read, of Jacksonville, Ill.

Pipe race—(One who dashes 100 yards and passes the goal first with smoke in his pipe.) Won by James Lord, of Peoria, Ill. Time, 4 seconds.

Ladies ice cream race (One who swallows a dishful of ice cream first).—Won by Miss Vaughan, of Springfield, Ill. Time, 14 seconds.

Shoe race—Won by John McLean, of Pekin, Ill.

Land tug-of-war—First contest, between Peoria and Springfield. Won by Springfield.

Second contest, between Springfield and Jacksonville. Won by Jacksonville.

Third contest, between Jacksonville and Peoria. Jacksonville won, and were declared winners.

Those who won for Jacksonville were: Messrs. A. B. Read, T. F. Dunnehan, E. O. Towne and E. A. Tilton.

Tug-of-war in boats on the river—Won by Peoria. Winners were Messrs. James Lord, Wm. McLean and Charles McLean.

Boat race—Won by James Lord, of Peoria, Ill.

Standing of the Clubs for 1898.

CLUB.	WON.	LOST.	PERCENT.
Peoria	6	3	.750
Jacksonville	3	6	.333
Springfield	1	7	.125

Messrs. A. G. Belcke, C. R. Howat, of Peoria, and Mr. Sidles, of Springfield, were the judges of the races, and everything passed through without a single complaint from the contestants.

Then the dinner was in order. Everybody's face bore happy looks and all ate to their heart's content.

After dinner, Mr. Hainline had the entire crowd photographed in a group.

The time came for the train, all retired from the park and went to landing.

McLean, Mrs. A. Bishop, and Mr. J. McLean, of Pekin, Ill.; Misses E. Rust, of Rockford; A. McCollam, of Danvers; Liston, of Toluca; Messrs. P. Williams, of Galva; Ganes, of Norris; F. Glos, of St. Charles; Wm. McLean, of Charlotte; F. Schoneman, of Manito; A. Snook, of Bloomington, Ill.

Those from Springfield were:

Mr. and Mrs. E. Saunders, Mr. and Mrs. Swanson, Mr. and Mrs. C. Hussey, Mrs. Horton; Misses I. Rice, V. Rice, J. Willis, M. Andlsohoney, F. Vaughn, A. Sullivan, J. Murray; Messrs. R. Powers, H. Gerbling, G. Roberts, R. Varner, R. Redlick, T. J. Sidles, — Sidles, Brownell, Westenberg, W. Menard, J. Blume, C. Huston, J. Gibbons, L. Taylor, Riddle.

Accompanied by the Springfield crowd were:

Mrs. Sidles and Miss L. Merrith, of Petersburg, Ill.; Messrs. Wm. Ruby, of Penney; B. Lowe, of Auburn; H. Gates and J. Miller, of Decatur, Ill.

Those from Jacksonville were:

Mr. and Mrs. Sammons, Mr. and Mrs. Molohon, Mr. and Mrs. Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Tilton, Mr. and Mrs. A. Dunnehan, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Read, Mrs. Stratton; Misses D. Crooks, A. Crooks, N. Mathers, N. Stratton, K. Davis, B. Huff, J. Gavin, O. Malley, Malix, Parish; Messrs. L. Johnson, J. Harper, E. Mathers, L. Huff, T. Cranwill, H. Rutherford, Fred. Mathers, Frank Mathers, H. Huff, E. Cranks, W. Tilton, T. Hainline.

Among the others were:

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Towne, of Pisgah, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. J. Simons, of Butler, Ill.; Misses J. Davis, of White Hall, Ill.; N. Deppie, of Bushnell, Ill.; J. Race, of Rave, Ill.; Messrs. F. Wagner, Alexanderville, Ill.; T. Muttler, Alexanderville, Ill.; Wm. Leokrecher, Beardstown, Ill.; A. Rink, Beardstown, Ill.; F. Spears, Ashland, Ill.

NOTES OF THE PICNIC.

Mrs. Horton was the oldest lady present at the picnic, and Mr. Saunders was the oldest man there too.

Mr. Molohon was kept all day behind the counter, selling candies, popcorn, peanuts, ice-cream, gum, cigars, etc. He did not get a chance to enjoy his time among the crowd.

Wm. McLean, of Charlotte, was the marshal of the day, and he was kept busy.

While waiting to be photographed, Mr. and Mrs. Lowne's and Mr. and Mrs. Molohon's babies fought for a watch, and it amused the crowd greatly.

The deaf people appreciated the kindness of the boatman, who let the people use his boats for the contests, free of charge.

The Indian mounds were admired by all who saw them.

There were general disappointments by the old people upon the failure of the appearance of Rev. and Mrs. Read, of Jacksonville.

Everybody went home happy, and we hope to meet again next year.

Mr. Horace Cluney, of Havana, Ill., was among the deaf people. He was glad to see his old friends again.

PEORIA NOTES.

Miss Minnie Neeb spent a week out in the country, visiting her relatives, and she returned much refreshed.

Mr. A. G. Belcke, who was Mr. Harrie Cook's successor at the Bethany Church, has steadily been giving Sunday services. But Mr. Cook is expected back in Peoria soon, to resume his studies at the Bradley Polytechnic Institution, and his duties at the church.

Mr. T. J. Hainline was in Peoria on business, and he admired the city, so he staid here for a few days and visited his friends.

Miss Ernestine Rust, of Rockford, was the guest of Miss Minnie Neeb for a week. She accompanied us to the Havana picnic.

Mr. Perry Williams, of Galva, Ill., who had been visiting Chicago for a couple of weeks, came here, and expect to stay till the Illinois Institution doors open.

Mr. Jesse Loer is now working in Washington, Ill., as a baker, and

it is expected that he will hold it steadily. He comes home every Sunday morning, and returns at night.

Mr. James Lord has now a good steady position at one of the iron shops.

Mr. and Mrs. Belcke expects to take the coming excursion trip to Jacksonville, Ill., on Labor Day. If they go, they will visit their old schoolmates.

Mr. F. Glos, of St. Charles, Ill., stopped in Peoria for a few days. He came for the purpose of attending the Havana picnic.

Wm. McLean, of Charlotte, Ill., is visiting his folks near this city in a farm.

Mrs. E. Comp and daughter Bessie were here half a week. Mrs. Comp was the guests of Mrs. Wm. Belcke while Miss Bessie Comp was the guest of Miss Minnie Neeb. Mrs. Comp lives in Dunlap, Ill.

Mr. A. Ganes, of Norris, Ill., was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Howat for a few days.

Most of the visitors from abroad were guest of their friends for a few days, before and after the Havana picnic, as that was what they came for.

After the picnic was over, instead of returning to Peoria, Miss E. Rust, of Rockford, Ill., who was the guest of Miss Minnie Neeb for a week, departed for Springfield to visit her friends before going home.

On the night of August 11th, there was a surprise birthday party on Mr. Wm. Belcke at his residence. In the evening the crowd, though small but interesting, assembled at the residence of Mr. C. A. Howat, and later left the house.

Mr. A. G. Belcke leading went to Mr. Belcke's house and in to the parlor, and then Mr. A. G. Belcke went and informed his father that some one wanted to see him at the front door. He went in the parlor and instantly the crowd jumped and shook hands with him. Mr. Belcke was much surprised, and could not utter a word for a few minutes. After a pleasant chat, Mr. C. R. Howat was selected as a toastmaster and he made a neat speech as follows: "Many years ago, born in Ohio, a boy, and he was brought into Illinois, and when he reached his twenty-third milestone, he met a handsome woman and married her and proceeded on until to-day, your fifty-fifth milestone, and we present you a present as a remembrance of our friendship, and we expect to see you through the next ten years again." Mr. Belcke accepted the present and thanked them. Then the refreshments were served and time went fast with interesting and funny talk, and later-all retired for their homes. Those who attended the party were: Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Howat, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Belcke, Misses Minnie Neeb and E. Rust, of Rockford; Messrs. A. G. Belcke, James Lord and Jesse Loer.

Mr. Rhodes, a native of Germany, who for the last sixteen years has been working here as a coffin trimmer, went back to Germany last May, and was married to a deaf lady living in Berlin, on the 17th of July. He intended to return immediately to the United States, but met some severe difficulty in securing passage to America owing to the American-Spanish war, but after a lengthy debate succeeded in returning to Peoria, and they were Mr. and Mrs. and Miss Neeb's first visitors. At present it is difficult to understand them, as they sign in German. What the lady's maiden name was can not be understood at present. They went to housekeeping at once. Mr. Rhodes is a coffin trimmer at one of the undertake factories.

Mrs. Isabella Gibson, wife of Mr. James Gibson, died on the 18th of August, on the farm of her sister, near Washington, Ill. She had been sick for about a year and a half. During that time she resided with her husband in this city until five weeks ago, when she was taken to her sister's farm, but it didn't do her any good. Her maiden name was Isabella Miller, and she was born in Scotland, but was educated at the Canada Institution. She married Mr. Gibson years ago. Mr. Gibson is an ex-Illinois pupil. At the time of Mrs. Gibson's death, she was sixty-four years old. She was buried in Washington, Ill.

Married in two Languages.

MR. E. F. HAIN AND MISS LILLIE A. PIERSON ARE WEDDED—THE BEST MAN AND BRIDESMAID AND HALF THE COMPANY COULD ONLY SPEAK THE SIGN LANGUAGE—THE CLERGYMAN SPOKE IN TWO LANGUAGES AT ONCE.

(Paterson Morning "Call," Aug. 4).

The marriage of a couple of deaf-mutes is an event rare enough in this city to attract more attention than the ordinary nuptial event, it was such an occasion that gathered a large crowd at the corner of North Main and Jefferson Streets last night. The windows in the house at 68 North Main Street were open, on account of the oppressive heat, and there was exposed to view a scene that held the crowd open-mouthed.

An aged clergyman, in long white vestments, stood in full view from the street. He was surrounded by a group of eager, expressive faces, and every movement could be followed, as the room was brilliantly lighted. The bright dresses of the ladies against the black and white of the men, and the flowing robes of the clergyman, combined to make an interesting picture.

The central figure was addressing the group in two languages at once time. In even, solemn tones, he read the Episcopal marriage ceremony, while his fingers moved incessantly, twining around each other and weaving their story in a language only understood by some of the company, but it was the latter language which was the more essential, it was addressed to the principals of the occasion.

These were Edward Frederick Hahn and Miss Lillie Amanda Pierson, who took the holy vows of matrimony in the language of signs. Mr. Hahn is a native of Buffalo, and was educated in the school for deaf-mutes at Rochester, N. Y. About a year ago he came here and is now filling a position at a finishing mill at Delawanna. Miss Pierson lives with her mother at 68 North Main Street, and has been employed as a compositor on a local paper for a number of years. She was educated in the Wisconsin deaf-mute school.

They were supported by two young people who suffer from the same impediment, George Rigby, the best man, and Miss Mary Geiger, the bridesmaid, both graduates of the Trenton deaf-mute school. Nearly half the company were young people whose misfortune compelled them to talk in the same language. The bride and bridesmaid wore similar costumes of pearl gray with white satin ribbons and lace. The bride carried a bouquet of white carnations.

The clergyman was Rev. Dr. Gallaudet rector emeritus of St. Matthews' church, New York, where deaf-mute services are held every Sunday. He expects to be pastor of the new St. Ann's church for deaf-mutes, which will be finished in the near future. Dr. Gallaudet is very well known in the deaf-mute community in the country, having done much pioneer church work among them.

In everything but the double language the ceremony was the same as the ordinary marriage service, being performed with the ring and the usual responses. The spectacle presented by the clergyman was, however, an odd one. The rapid and agitated language of signs was in striking contrast to the solemn and reposeful tones of his voice.

The young pair were congratulated by the members of the company after the ceremony. The bride is a handsome brunette, bright and quick in action and appearance. The large number of presents showered upon her and Mr. Hahn testified to the esteem in which they are held.

The company spent a very pleasant evening together, first having a marriage supper and then indulging in music. Early in the evening the newly-married pair started on a wedding trip to Buffalo and Niagara Falls. On their return they will take up housekeeping in Passaic.

In addition to those already mentioned there were present: Mrs. Mary Pierson, mother of the bride; Miss Emma Beesley, Miss Sadie

Sigler, Miss Annie Cummings, Mrs. Cummings and daughter and son, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Hillas of Boonton, Mrs. Hopper, Mrs. Ovelle Gillette, Mr. and Mrs. H. Hopper and son John Hopper, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hillas and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Howard and daughter Ida, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Gill, and children, Misses Annie Taylor, Mary McArthur, Kittie Lawton, Sadie A. Richably, Jennie Bustard, Emma C. Huffins—Messrs. Jacob Erkle and Malloy, Mrs. W. H. Gill and several others. Mr. and Mrs. E. Sullivan, Mr. and Mrs. Isaiah Cummings, Nellie Kelliher.

WIGWAGGING IN A RESTAURANT.

ORDERS FOR FOOD GIVEN IN SIGN LANGUAGE AND WITHOUT WORDS.

The other day a man slipped into a Monroe Street lunchroom, ordered medium boiled eggs, and when he had done so he ducked instinctively that the waiter's voice might pass over his head; but it didn't.

The waiter snapped his fingers vigorously, looked across the room, and then raised his right hand with the thumb and forefinger held to form a circle and the other three fingers in the air. Then he turned to an urn to draw the coffee quietly and in good order.

"Ain't you going to order my eggs?" the man asked fearfully.

"Eggs is ordered, sah—got 'em on the fire now," replied the waiter.

"How is that?" asked the customer, suspiciously.

"I ordered 'em as soon as you gave me the order," said the waiter. "All I got to do is just that," and again he made the cabalistic sign with his thumb and forefinger above his head.

The man was almost overcome by surprise. At last he had found the place he had so long sought, where he could eat in quietness. When he had finished the eggs and coffee he sought out the manager of the house and said:

"I want to buy a ticket to eat here the rest of my life. And I want to find out some things about this system of yours." The manager took him aside and told him the secrets of the queer messages which had passed from waiter to head waiter and back to the kitchen. The distance is too great for a waiter to walk back and transmit every order to the cooks, and then return to his customer. Years ago two waiters who should go down to fame for their service to dyspeptic and unhappy mankind devised a system of signals for all the articles of the bill of fare. At first the system was quite simple and the signs were few, calling only for the principal things on the card, but it has grown with time until now there are over 150 articles of food which can be ordered by waves and motions of the hand. No other restaurant in the country has a system like it.

A head waiter or his assistant stands in the centre of the floor during the rush hours and keeps an eye on the waiters behind the long counters, surrounded by "stool climbers." If a customer orders roast beef medium, the waiter snaps his fingers to attract the attention of the head waiter. Then he makes a cup across his left hand with his right and sticks up his right thumb. Instantly the head waiter repeats the signal to a man in the back room, who transmits it to the cook, and the roast beef is being prepared before the waiter who took the order could have gone five feet toward the kitchen, and there is no noise or fuss about it. If a small steak is ordered the waiter holds his right hand at the height of his head, palm out, fingers joined. If it is to be medium, he clinches his hand quickly and let his thumb project. If the customer wants it well done, the open hand sign is followed by two quick blows of the right fist on the left palm.

The eye of the interpreter must be quick to catch the changes in the sign, for a certain move of the hand following another means something entirely different from what a certain move means if originally displayed.

Some of the signals are continuous motions, indicative of some process through which the food must pass. Thus, an order for

corned beef hash is transmitted by a shaking motion of both hands backward and forward, indicating how well shaken the ingredients of the hash are before being served. For baked beans the waiter holds up his right hand and beckons rapidly with his four closed fingers. For liver and bacon the waiter scrapes his right index finger with the forefinger of his left hand, showing how the bacon is sliced, and then places a forefinger over his side about where he thinks his liver is located. Pork sausage, too, is a signal easily discernible. The waiter links his two little finger together, indicating the links of sausage.—Chicago Tribune.

IOWA.

From the Council Bluffs Nonpareil.

Superintendent Henry W. Rothert of the Iowa School for the Deaf, found in his mail yesterday official notice of his reappointment for a term of four years from the first of next September. This appointment comes with peculiar gratification, as it is a very practical and substantial manner of expressing the feeling of the board of control in regard to the investigation just concluded in this city. It seems that the two members present here, and who conducted the examination, did not deem it necessary to transcribe the testimony as taken by the stenographer for submission to the third member. Mr. Cowrie, who remained in Des Moines, but their verbal report of the affair was sufficient, and the finding in favor of Mr. Rothert was followed by his reappointment by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Rothert entered upon the duties of his present position September 1, 1887, so that if he serves the full period for which he is now appointed, he will have been at the head of the institution for fifteen years. In regard to the investigation just completed and of which his vindication and reappointment are the outcome, Judge Kinne said to a Des Moines reporter:

"We spent three days investigating as carefully as possible all charges made against Mr. Rothert. We summoned as witnesses to testify against him several former trustees of the institution, two or three teachers, some employees formerly discharged, several merchants and business men of Council Bluffs, and some of the present employees of the institution, making between forty and fifty in all. Our investigation was searching and we find that these are absolutely no justification for the charges that have been made. Not one was established, and this morning we re-elected Mr. Rothert as superintendent."

LEXINGTON AVENUE SCHOOL.

The Lexington Avenue Institution for the Improved Instruction of the Deaf is now under new executive management.

H. F. Mitchell, formerly of the Brooks Apprentice School, Dunkirk, N. Y., later Tutor in the College of the City of New York, and for twelve years connected with the Institution, has been placed in charge. He will be assisted by Mr. E. A. Gruver, who has been called from the Mt. Airy Institution to take charge of the Primary Department. Miss Hinkley, also of Mt. Airy, is to teach in the Primary Department—not as Miss Hinkley, but as Mrs. Gruver. The Institution will remain an "Oral School," adopting the best and proven methods of teaching articulation. A successful year is anticipated. Many improvements have been made in the buildings during the summer. A new plant of modern high-pressure boilers has been put in; modern sanitary plumbing replaced the old; and the gymnasium received a complete outfit.

Visitors, especially those interested in teaching the deaf, will be heartily welcomed at any time when the school is in session.

On Saturday last, a picked nine of St. John's School and the Westchester deaf-mute school played a semi-professional base ball team in Jersey City. The umpire favored the latter, and there were much "kicking" at his decisions. The deaf-mute team lost by a score of 3 to 18.

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"He's true to God who's true to man:

Wherever wrong is done

To the humblest and the weakest

'Neath the all-beholding sun,

That wrong is also done to us,

And they are slaves most base,

Whose love of right is for themselves,

And not for all the race."

CRAZED TROOPER ON SAN MARCOS.

ROUGH RIDER EASTON TRIED TO KILL HIMSELF ON THE VOYAGE FROM SANTIAGO.

The dirty transport San Marcos brought a rough rider who was rendered deaf and dumb at the attack on Santiago, and on the voyage from Key West on the horror ship he made a half dozen attempts to kill himself. He is Stephen Easton, of Company K, First United States Volunteer Cavalry. He is from Arizona, and his case puzzles the surgeons on Governor's Island where he was removed under guard.

But little is known about Easton, and he is not inclined in his sane moments to throw any light on his history or to tell how he happened to become deaf and dumb. He is supposed to be of mixed Mexican and American blood. He joined the First Cavalry last May and was sent to Cuba with his regiment.

He was not deaf and dumb then, but on July 7 last, when he reached Key West on the transport Froquois, he could not speak a syllable. He was placed in the hospital there, but made little improvement mentally, though his physical strength grew when he was taken aboard the San Marcos.

On the trip up the coast Easton was constantly under guard. The second day out he escaped his watchers and tried to jump overboard. One of the soldiers standing near him seized the crazed man who struggled violently.

This was but the first of series of attempts on his life made by the afflicted Rough Rider. When he was transferred to the Government steamboat General Meigs yesterday two guards were sent along to watch him, but Easton appeared perfectly sane and he made no attempts to injure himself on the way to Governor's Island. There Surgeon-Major Agnel tried to discover the cause of Easton's trouble. Asked by signs how he lost his speech and hearing, Easton wrote on a piece of paper: "It happened at Santiago." This was all he could be induced to say about it. The Major ordered him to be closely watched and he will be treated in the Governor's Island Hospital until he is cured or is proved permanently insane.—*N. Y. Journal.*

Deaf-Mute Wrongfully Accused.

Francesco Bolinnetto, an Italian, was shot and killed while standing at his wife's side in front of his home, on Ocean Avenue, Ozone Park, L. I., Sunday night. The street in front of the Italian's house is higher than the yard where he was standing, and as the bullet came from the direction of the roadway the only man in sight at the time was arrested and charged with the crime. He was Giuseppe Miele, a deaf and dumb Italian. He tried to explain in signs to the police that he was innocent. He was searched, but no weapon was found upon him. Miele was locked up and held for examination by Magistrate Smith at Long Island City.

Now Carlo Casale, ten years old, who lives next door to Bolinnetto, has come forward and charged his father Francesco Casale, with firing the fatal shot. The boy told his story to Captain Michael de Simone, of the Long Island City Court. He said that he was standing on the stoop in front of his home with his father, and that the latter drew a revolver from his pocket and aimed to shoot Mrs. Bolinnetto and not her husband. The boy said his father had a grudge against the woman and wanted to kill her.

The elder Casale has been missing since the murder.

PENNSYLVANIA SOCIETY

The Thirteenth Convention of the Organization, at Scranton, Pa., August 24th--26th.

PRESIDENT'S KOEHLER'S ADDRESS, AND MR. F. L. SELINEY'S ORATION.

A Very Successful Meeting--A List of Members--The Proceedings in Full.

(Reported Specially for the DEAF-MUTES' JOURNAL.)

The Thirteenth Convention of the Pennsylvania Society for the Advancement of the Deaf, which had been heralded for August 24, 25 and 26, 1896, at Scranton, came off under the most favorable auspices that could be wished for.

As early as Tuesday several delegates began to arrive from Philadelphia and points west, to seize the opportunity of seeing the grand scenery that is famous up near Scranton. The city of Wilkes-Barre was seen from the top of the mountains upon which the Lehigh Valley Railroad and the Central Railroad of New Jersey runs for sixteen miles before either train gets into town. President Koehler, though a native of Philadelphia, is more of a Scrantonian, was early on the grounds to receive his fellow officers and delegates and answer to their wants and comfort.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION.

The convention began properly this day and it was called to order at 10.30 o'clock by the Rev. J. M. Koehler, of Philadelphia, who lead with prayer, in the main Chamber of the Justice of the Court House. It was announced that Mayor James G. Bailey, of Scranton, who was to have given the delegates a welcome, could not be present, although Mr. Koehler stated that he hoped the chief executive of the city would be present at the evening session.

In opening the convention, the president, in a short address, greeted the delegates and said it was a pleasure to him to see so many old friends in attendance again. He then proceeded with the regular business of the session, and minutes of the last annual convention which was in Erie, were read and approved. There were fifty-two active members and three associate members.

John P. Walker, Esq., Principal of the Morris Industrial Training Department of the Mt. Airy Institution, was engaged as interpreter for the convention. Committees were appointed:

On Business:—Messrs. B. R. Allabough, H. E. Stevens and Thomas Breen.

On Membership:—Messrs. Lloyd Hutchinson, Daniel Paul and Mrs. Jeanette Heyman.

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

President Koehler spoke of the necessity of organizing local branches of the society in all the cities of the state, in order to increase membership; to secure a good attendance for every convention and to attract more interest, which was essential for the welfare of the society. Messrs. Seliney and Allabough spoke heartily in support of Mr. Koehler's suggestion, and then the matters were referred to the Committee on Resolutions, comprising Messrs. F. L. Seliney, B. R. Allabough and Lloyd Hutchinson.

Mr. Koehler also spoke of establishing schools in Alaska, Hawaii and Porto Rico, where there are thousands of uneducated deaf-mutes that needs our attention, more schools for the State of Pennsylvania, and a separate school for the Blind and Feeble-Minded, in which to receive the proper education according to their conditions, that would have been otherwise in schools like the Mt. Airy or Western Pennsylvania Institutions, where they could not receive to high degree the proper attention and method of teachers.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SESSION.

The meeting was opened with prayer orally by the Reverend E. J. Haughton, assistant Rector and Curate of the St. Luke's Church, Scranton, and interpreted by Mr. Walker. He was followed with the annual address by President Koehler that was very interesting and gave much food for thought, etc., which was as follows:

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Fellow Members and Friends:—In greeting you at this, our thirteenth convention, I would call attention to the fact that it is the second time we have gathered in this city. Twelve years ago almost to the day, and in this same room we held the third meeting in what was then the infancy of our organization. Well do we recall the cordial reception accorded us. The then mayor, Colonel Ezra H. Ripple, in receiving us apologized for the appearance of the

city, saying that it was in no condition for such a welcome as he would have liked to extend us. "Our streets are all torn up," he said, "and we are in the condition of a house undergoing the annual cleaning process. When next you come here I trust we shall be able to extend a more hearty welcome to you." We note that the "house cleaning" has been thorough and the improvements such as to do great credit to the energy and enterprising of a city marked by its natural and architectural features with capabilities of much beauty and attractiveness.

The history of our organization in the twelve years that have intervened since our former meeting here in 1886, has been one of continual progress. Meeting at first triennially and then biennially, we now come together annually, and the results of these more frequent meetings have been most wholesome and beneficial, not only to us as a society but to ourselves as individuals.

THIRTEENTH CONVENTION.

This is the thirteenth convention since the inception of the society had its first meeting in 1883. Since then three meetings have been held in Philadelphia, two at Reading, two at Scranton, and one each at Pittsburgh, Harrisburg, Allentown, and Pottsville. These meetings have all been well attended bringing together as many as four hundred of our people at one time and there is no longer any doubt as to their advisability. Of school age, the deaf-mutes in Pennsylvania, the majority of whom are educated and self sustaining. They have naturally many interests in common, and these meetings present excellent opportunities of exchanging thoughts for mutual good.

Mr. Koehler quoted from former addresses to show that the society had already succeeded in doing, and then proceeded to say that these accomplishments demonstrated the practical usefulness of the society and its members, and that it was our duty to encourage us to efforts in other directions.

SCHOOL FOR DEAF.

One subject we might take up is the establishing of another school for the deaf in the northwestern part of the state. There are now four schools in Pennsylvania: Mt. Airy in Philadelphia; Edgewood, near Pittsburgh; the Scranton School, and the one at Bala, near Philadelphia, for the training of deaf children in speech. Before these meetings present, we had a large number of children constantly under instruction is about 1,000. It will be noted that three are in the extreme east and one in the western part of the state. The deaf-mutes in the great central region among the mountains, where travel is doubly difficult, must go hundreds of miles for an education or not at all. The deaf-mutes in the northwestern part of the state, are sending these children, doubly dear because of their infirmity, so far away from here and as a result there are many growing up totally uneducated. Many, who have already reached adult years in this country. Within a few weeks I have met a family of four adults, not one of whom had received any benefit of education. New York has a population of nearly five millions, and that of our own state, has eight schools for the deaf. Why should we not have as many? We, with our knowledge of all the facts connected with deafness, ought to be giving the necessity of more liberal provision to give others the blessings of education which we ourselves so highly value.

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insurances that will insure. Not so very long ago none of the large companies would insure the deaf. The deaf, however, is less read at present, and it is possible for the deaf to take out certain but desirable policies at an extra premium of five dollars per thousand of insurance. There could be good reason for this extra; but statistics of longevity and health among the deaf seem lost upon the companies, and individual and mass appeals fail to obtain a modification of the rules governing "physical disability" as applied to the deaf. How great is the discrimination is shown by considering the privileges of the twenty-year life policy. For instance, at the age of twenty-five, the annual premium on a \$10,000 20-year life policy is \$280; at thirty it is \$150, for a \$5,000 policy. A man starting at twenty-five years of age, by surrendering his first policy, have a guaranteed annual income of \$1,400 for life. From this he could pay the rest of his annual premiums on his \$5,000 policy, and at fifty years of age give up the latter and have \$700 more a year, or \$350, if he chose to let the policy run, as he could do under the contract with the company adding. Here would be an annual income for life of \$2,100 or \$1,750 according to choice; and at forty-five and fifty a man is not old. Down to a very recent date, however, we have not seen this privilege at all. In the rare cases he gets it now, following the \$15,000 example, it is only on the payment of \$75 a year which would be the loss of about \$3,000 insurance at the normal rate at the age of twenty-five, and of about \$420 income at the age of forty-five. The remedy for this discrimination is to put its absurdity. If a sufficient number of deaf persons would insure in one of the leading companies, and patriotically pay the extra premium, the companies would be forced to let them in. It is a contrast rather than a comparison. And yet how many really know it.

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The Deaf Wheelmen's Century Run.

DR. CHAMBERLAIN RETURNS.

Max Stein Seriously Injured at a Fire--The News of the Week and Personal Mention.

(From a Special Correspondent.)

The century run that is to take place on September 11th, promises to be participated in by thirty or more of the deaf. It would not be surprising if even fifty started. It is not expected that all will go the entire course, but merely to accompany the party as far as South Jamaica, Lynbrook or Freeport. Anyone can fall in line. There is no admittance fee, but the captain wants to know the names of all who join before the start. T. I. Lounsbury will act as captain, and G. M. Donovan and Frank Ecka will pace the run.

The start will be from Bedford Avenue and Eastern Parkway, at 8 A.M., sharp. Those from New York had better take boat for Brooklyn before 7 A.M., so as to proceed leisurely to the starting point and get well rested. No one need fear the pace will be too fast. It will be restricted to about twelve miles an hour on the average. Five minutes rest may be made at South Jamaica and twenty minutes at Freeport and five minutes at Babylon, according to the discretion of the captain or pace-makers. At Oakdale, the turning point, an hour and a half will be allowed for dinner, but dinner may be had at Babylon on the return course, instead. Dinner can be had at reasonable rates—clam chowder, 20 cents, or a more substantial dinner for 40 cents. It is expected the survivors will reach the starting point on the return, between 6 and 7 P.M.

The wise ones will be sure to have their wheels in good condition and their tool bags and repair outfits along.

George Warren, of Brooklyn, has built a wheel for himself. The gear is 105. He has a contract to build wheels for three deaf-mutes. He expects to take a wheeling trip to Washington this week.

Returning with the victorious and gallant 71st Regiment, which returned home on Monday for a 60-day furlough, and amid the plaudits of admiring thousands lining either side of the line of march, from the lower end of Broadway and up Fifth Avenue to their army on 34th Street, was one hero, William Patterson, who is the son of deaf-mute parents, and who are both graduates of Fanwood. Thus Fanwood had a share in the honor and glory of the famous regiment, and its grandson has done creditable work in the defense of his country. For two weeks Mr. Patterson was reported as missing after the battle of El Caney, and a late report gave him up as a victim of a shell and probably blown to atoms. But two weeks later, Mr. Patterson showed up and reported to his captain. His absence was accounted for by reason of the numerous flank attacks, and Mr. Patterson found himself fighting with a brother regiment, the 5th Massachusetts. Red tape took over a week to disentangle him and return him to his proper regiment, for the army was taking no risks, and the lookout for spies was severe. Mr. and Mrs. Patterson reside at Tarrytown, and it is probable their son, who is a member of the Westchester County Society of the Deaf, will favor that body with a lecture before the furlough is over. The society is proud to possess at such a time, a member who has undergone the severest tests of the campaign and who has returned safe and sound.

The Anchor liner "Ethiopia," which sailed from Glasgow, August 18th, arrived at Pier 54, North River, Monday morning last, at 9 o'clock. On board were Rev. Dr. Chamberlain, assistant to Rev. Dr. Gallaudet, and his daughter, Miss Elizabeth Chamberlain. At the dock were Mrs. Chamberlain and a few friends. They left immediately after the customs officer had "done" their baggage. Miss Chamberlain returns home after pursuing a few years' course of study in the "Old Country," while the reverend doctor returns from Europe whence he went to spend his vacation and incidentally to return home with his daughter.

Again Rev. Anson T. Colt is claiming the attention of the public, or rather the press, for in last Sunday's *World* he had advertising space to the tune of half a page, wherein Mr. Colt is once more sorry he returned to the Protestant Episcopal Church. First he was an assistant to Dr. Gallaudet, then "after profound study," it dawned upon him that the Catholic Church was the true church. He therefore renounced his former faith and

turned Catholic, separating from his wife in order to gain grace, and eventually become a Catholic priest. His wife meanwhile became a Sister of Charity of the High Church, and Mr. Colt failing to gain to the priesthood, became a teacher at the Westchester School for the Deaf. Lately he has been divorced from his wife in order to enable the Pope to appoint him a priest, Mrs. Colt offering no objection to such a decree. But it is presumably a ridiculous move, and will have no effect on the Catholic Church receiving Mr. Colt into the priesthood, for the laws of the Church are very strict regarding the appointment of priests, and as Mr. Colt is a married man, there is not the remotest possibility of his mission succeeding. Failing in this last effort, Mr. Colt may once more return to the Episcopal Church, and his wife rejoicing him, keep their marriage vows. This will be a happy ending of two romantic careers.

A fire-bug, a little behind the season (June), attempted to show his colors in an East 5th Street tenement house, Friday of last week, and to imperil the lives of forty families. Among the large number was one who is deaf and mute and a Hebrew, Max Stein. Fire and smoke spread rapidly, and the racket awakened all in the block but Max. Soon he was missed and a search for him found him lying on the pavement at the bottom of the air shaft, severely if not fatally injured. It is believed that Stein was awakened by smelling smoke, and it being so dense in the hallway that he raised a window in the air shaft to escape into a connecting tenement window and thence into the next house. It is evident he missed his footing in the attempt, and fell back and down the shaft three stories to the pavement. At present he is in Bellevue Hospital, and chances are a nip and tuck battle for life. When it comes to an emergency like this, the deaf always find out how many friends they have who they can rely on in their hour of need.

John O'Rourke, of Haverhill, Mass., was in this vicinity, Sunday, en route to Washington. He made new acquaintances at Coney Island, and was astonished to see it in its reality, after all he had read about it.

Mr. Alex. L. Pach has added a brand new boy to his numerous offspring. He will be called Oscar, in honor of his urbane uncle of the same name.

ST. LOUIS.

Mr. William H. Nold and Miss Emma C. Borgmann were united in marriage at the residence of the bride's parents, near Cappeln, Mo., on August 25th, by the Rev. Mr. Cloud. Mr. Nold received his education at the Illinois Institution, and has a nice farm of his own in Calhoun County, where he will continue to reside. Miss Borgmann was educated at the City Day School, and is well known in St. Louis, where she has many friends, who extend to the newly wedded couple congratulations and best wishes.

Services at St. Thomas' Mission have been held irregularly during the summer, but the Sunday School has met regularly, with a good attendance, under the leadership of Mr. Rodenberger, Mr. May, Mrs. Berry, Miss Myers, and others. Regular services at St. Thomas' will be resumed on Sunday, September 11th. The Sunday School meets at 9:30 A.M., and the service begins at 11 A.M. Both are held in the Boffinger Memorial Chapel, Thirteenth and Locust Streets.

The annual picnic of the St. Louis Deaf-Mute Club, took place at Fern Glen, Mo., an outing resort twenty miles away on the Missouri Pacific road, on the 20th of August. The event is reported to have been a social and financial success. As the weather was favorable there is no reason why it should have been otherwise.

Mr. Henry Coombe, a prosperous young Illinois farmer, recently spent a few days in the city, and attended the picnic at Fern Glen. He realizes that "it is not good for man to be alone," especially on a farm, and as he seems to have found a remedy for his loneliness here, he is expected to visit the city again before long.

Mrs. E. D. Hunter, of Chicago, is visiting in the city, the guest of Mrs. M. E. Harden, at Clifton Heights.

Miss Ota Crawford, of Lincoln, Neb., is spending a few weeks in St. Louis, as the guest of Mrs. J. H. Cloud.

Mr. William Fitzpatrick has left for his home in Dallas, Texas, after spending two weeks in the city as the guest of Mr. I. D. Beffa.

SERVICES FOR DEAF-MUTES.

SEPTEMBER 4TH—THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY, 3 P.M.

St. Matthew's Church, West 84th Street, near Central Park, New York City. Holy Communion. St. Mark's Church, Brooklyn. Holy Communion.

Trinity Church, Newark, N. J. St. John's Church, Yonkers, N. Y.

PHILADELPHIA.

Concerning the Scranton Convention.

A SUCCESSFUL EXCURSION.

Brevities.

(From our Philadelphia Correspondent.)

The Scranton convention, or more properly the Thirteenth Meeting of the Pennsylvania Society for the Advancement of the Deaf, has passed upon record. It may not have come up to the expectations of its best friends, still it was attended with measurable success, and that, however small, must needs add to the good record of the Society.

From the fact that there were no papers read and only routine business transacted, it would seem that the meeting was held chiefly to meet a constitutional provision, which prescribes annual meetings. But even that was well. Its effect was to stamp the Society as a business organization. Its objects must always create a favorable impression upon the public mind, and at no time is this done more than when the Society assembles in convention. Then it is that the deaf seem magnified, as it were, before the public eye. Their advancement is more readily seen, efforts better appreciated, and there is a better understanding all around in regard to their condition which but inspires greater respect and confidence in their business abilities. How well and desirable this is!

From a deaf-mute standpoint, the convention was, perhaps, more a social than anything else. That may happen now and then. It may be the cause for disappointment of the society's "best friends" who, expecting an intellectual feast, found only a social one. We can not believe that it was disappointing to the majority of members, however. Conventions of the deaf, and I believe the same is true of most hearing conventions, always have a social side. We know then that, if not much was accomplished at this convention, it was yet the means for an enjoyable time to those who put in their presence and one result of it is that the society will remain in the favor of the deaf of our great state.

The foregoing remarks are not intended as an excuse for any of the shortcomings of the Scranton meetings by the Society, even if there is no more work than that done at Scranton. Neither do we mean to infer that this meeting was totally devoid of "intellectual treats." The President's address was an able one, teeming with interest and was undoubtedly appreciated by all. Then there was the oration of Mr. Fort Lewis Seligson, of New York.

From information received, it must have been the most "live" thing of its kind delivered in the most lively manner, which the Society has enjoyed for years. Being adapted to the deaf, it made a greater impression upon them than would be the case otherwise. In the opinion of our informant, it was thoroughly enjoyed. This should do away with the criticism levelled at the Society for calling upon persons outside of the state to deliver orations. We believe the society has profited much by occasionally jumping the State in the search for its orators. They have proved excellent drawing cards. A Philadelphia lawyer delivered the oration at the opening of the Omaha Exposition. Was that wrong?

There were other interesting addresses delivered which went far in adding to the usefulness, interest, and instructiveness of this convention.

One of the most gratifying results of the meeting was the selection of a strong and efficient board of officers. This is President Koehler's third consecutive election, but he had been President before. Treasurer Allabough also continues in favor, having held several consecutive terms. We are glad that these faithful officials should have been thus honored, and finally, we congratulate the society upon the success of its most recent meeting.

Wednesday, August 24th, a most delightful excursion to Lorewood Grove was given under the auspices of All Souls' Mission. The trip was made by a steamer of the Baltimore and Philadelphia Steamboat Company Ericsson Line over a picturesque route. Two locks were passed and the process of locking the boats was watched with great interest by the excursionists, many of whom had not seen it done before.

Over two hundred persons attended the excursion. Leaving Philadelphia at 7:30 A.M., the steamer reached Lorewood Grove on the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal at about 1 o'clock, the distance between the two points being fifty miles. Nearly two hours were spent at the grove, which were con-

sumed by eating lunch, fishing and rowing. Among the fishing party Mr. Mayer was exceptionally lucky, having caught four fine fish in less than an hour. After our arrival at the grove, the steamer which had conveyed us there proceeded on its way to Baltimore and another one from that city took us home. We reached the city at 7:30 P.M., being welcomed back by a refreshing shower.

Altogether the excursion was very enjoyable. It was also a success financially, credit for which is largely due to Mr. Wm. H. Lipsett. With him were associated Messrs. Wm. McKinney and Harry G. Gunkel. Messrs. Chas. M. Penell and W. A. Miles also rendered good service by selling tickets, each having sold a large number. The members of the Deaf-Mutes' Mutual Club showed their good-will by attending almost in a body. These services and those by others were most gratifying to the committee and helpful to the success of the excursion.

The Philadelphians at Scranton last week, were Rev. J. M. Koehler, and Messrs. R. M. Ziegler, T. Breen, H. E. Stevens and Brenneisen.

Mrs. M. A. Paullin rounded her eighty-seventh year on August 23d. She is, perhaps, the oldest living original pupil of the Pennsylvania Institution for the Deaf and Dumb. She is the possessor of a secret recipe for a salve, which has long since won a reputation and is known as "Mrs. Marple's Salve." She lives with her daughter, Mrs. Welch, who has been most faithful to her.

Some superstitious persons attribute the small representation of Philadelphia at the Scranton Convention to the fact that it was the thirteenth meeting. Yet the person, who is reputed as being the most superstitious on the despised number was there and returned safe and sound. Congratulations, Mr. Breen.

Miss Dora Kintzel returned from Atlantic City on Friday, after a very pleasant stay of three weeks' duration.

Rev. J. M. Koehler and Mr. T. Breen reached home from Scranton on Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Underwood are expected to return from Atlantic City and resume housekeeping here by October.

During a recent visit to Atlantic City, Mr. W. Houston was accosted by a gentleman who proved to be Mr. David Lit, of the wellknown dry goods firm in this city. Mr. Lit had with him his young son who is deaf, and introduced him to Mr. Houston. Young Lit told Mr. Houston that he was having a very good time.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dorfner, recently married, contemplate house-keeping on a larger scale than at first proposed.

Mrs. Joseph Brutsche, of Camden, N. J., was reported to us as having again saved a young toddler from being run over by a horse and wagon by her presence of mind. She had done a similar act a good while ago.

Mr. Wm. F. Irvin, of Camden, N. J., is incapacitated from work by sickness.

Aug. 29, '98. J. S. R.

ALBANY-TROY PICNIC.

The second annual picnic of the Troy and Albany deaf-mutes, held at Averill Park on August 24th, proved a big success, considering the fact that the picnic was not sufficiently advertised. Many claimed that the day set for was not acceptable to some others who failed to show up at the picnic, and that had the committee appointed Labor Day instead, a larger attendance would have been assured. But it must be borne in mind that our picnic was a picnic for our people living in Troy and Albany, and that those who are non-residents could take advantage of going to the picnic if they so desired. However, the committee stated that they would make it an annual custom to hold the picnic on Labor Day hereafter.

Geographically speaking, Averill Park is situated at an elevation of 800 feet above the Hudson River and twelve miles distant from Troy, among the foothills of the mountain range that links the Adirondacks and the Berkshires. There is a lake more than two miles in circumference. The park includes more than thirty acres of pine and oak groves. In the park there are many swings and settees scattered along the walks and through the groves. To reach the park there is a trolley line from Troy by way of Pawling Avenue to Albion, where it is connected with the New England Electric Railroad, the terminus of which is at the park. The line runs through the beautiful country over the hills which overlook the lordly Hudson River. The park is now the home of Camp Hardin where the 2d Regiment consisting of Troy, Schenectady Hoosie Falls, Mohawk, Saratoga, Glen Falls, Amsterdam and Whitehall companies is stationed, having just returned from Fernandina, Florida.

It was on the morning of August 24th when the park found the big assemblage of deaf-mutes, who spoke highly of the location for the picnic grounds. When it was noon time, there were sixty people in attendance. The morning was sultry and oppressive, but the shady groves afforded an inviting retreat and the breezes swept from the lake did much to cool down the heat. When the sun was well up high in the heavens, there began a change, as the clouds were just coming out from the hills and soon there was a regular bombardment in the shape of a heavy down-pour, accompanied by flashes of lightning and peals of thunder from "Heaven's loud artillery." The deaf-mutes sought shelter in dancing pavilions and so far as could be learned, any of them fortunately enough did not get caught in the storm. When the storm was over, it was found that the park was too "dewey" for the people to stroll about, so they had to go home earlier than had intended.

Just before the storm, Mr. John L. Connerton photographed the picnicers in a whole group behind the pavilion as a back-ground, after which he took them in smaller groups separately. A programme of sports was given as follows:

Ladies' potato race—Won by Mrs. Sears, of Dalton, Mass. Prize—a set of shirtwaist studs. Needle threading contest—Won by Mr. Johnson, of Albany. Prize—a bottle of soda.

The deaf person who has traveled the greatest distance to attend the picnic—Prize awarded to Miss Eaton, of Iliou (95 miles). The Register for a year's subscription. The oldest person present—Prize given to Mr. Metcalfe, of Adams, Mass. (83 years old). A purse.

The youngest person present—Mr. F. Sullivan (16 years old) won the prize. The JOURNAL for a year's subscription.

The baseball game was off. Jupiter Pluvius gave the decision.

The committee of the picnic were Andrew Keenan, Chairman; J. L. Connerton, Myron R. Palmer, Charles A. Smith and Harry Van Allen, and they deserved great credit for the success of the management.

Among the picnicers from many different cities near and far were: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Van Allen and two children, of Albany; Messrs. H. Held, J. H. Hogan, Johnson, M. Flynn, A. Keenan, W. Duddy, Cutter and the dusky Jackson, all of Albany; Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Smith and little son, Mr. and Mrs. H. Burt and children, Messrs. H. Brown, E. Sullivan, Misses Annie Palmer, A. Schutt, Lelia Newkirk, Sophia Myers and Mattie Maxwell, all of Troy. Misses M. Lewis, Maggie Flynn, Mary Welch, Miss O'Toole, all of Albany, Mr. and Mrs. J. Connerton and George Gilboe, of Green Island. Miss Rose Getty and Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood, of Lansingburgh; Mrs. Getting, of Waterford; Mr. and Mrs. Lortie, of Hoosick Falls; Mr. J. Nottley, of Schenectady; Mr. Geith of Cohoes; Mr. Wm. Shanks, of N. Y. City; Mr. Simon Metcalfe, of Adams, Mass.; Mr. Small and Mr. and Mrs. Sears of Dalton, Mass.; three deaf sisters of Pittsfield, Mass., whose names I cannot recall. Mr. Reuben Post, of Stillwater, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Becker, of North Easton, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Taylor, of East Nassau; Mrs. Lyon, of Northville, Miss Eaton, of Iliou, and others too numerous to mention. Seventeen cities in the State and outside were represented by the deaf people at the picnic.

NOTES.

Mr. Andrew Keenan is looking like a sick soldier returning from the camp on a furlough, as he has just recovered from a severe illness.

Mr. William Shanks, a tutor at the Fanwood School, visited his former home in Albany. He will resume his duties when the school re-opens on September 21. He says he will write up an account of what he saw at the collar factories in Troy, and the readers will no doubt look forward to it eagerly.

Mr. Myron Palmer is taking life easy somewhere up in the Green Mountain State.

Master George Gilboe is seen scorching on a "Gendron" wheel.

Mrs. H. Van Allen and two children have just returned home from a visit to her parents at Glendale, N. Y.

Rose Getty spent her vacation at Niskayuna last week.

HURLY BURLY.

Rev. Mr. Mann's Appointments.

- SEPTEMBER.
- 1—Columbus, Reunion.
 - 2—7:30 P.M., Terra Haute. Service.
 - 3—All day at Collet Park with the deaf-mutes of Virgo and neighboring counties.
 - 4—10:30 A.M., Terra Haute. Holy Communion.
 - 4—4 P.M., Indianapolis. Service.
 - 4—8 P.M., Anderson. Service.
 - 5—7:30 P.M., Benton Harbor. Service.
 - 6—7:30 P.M., Grand Rapids. Service.
 - 11—11 A.M., Cincinnati. Holy Communion.
 - 11—3 P.M., Cincinnati. Service and Sermon.
 - 11—8 P.M., Dayton. Service and Sermon.
 - 18—10:30 A.M., Detroit. Holy Communion.
 - 18—3 P.M., Detroit. Service and Sermon.

Appointments may be made between the above dates, of which due notice will be given by mail. Write the Rev. A. W. Mann at Gambier, Ohio.

Mrs. Gilbert Hicks last week left for her home in Westbury Station, L. I., after spending several weeks in this city with her parents.

STATE OF OHIO.

The Forthcoming Reunion at Columbus.

DEAF BAPTISTS ENJOY SERVICES.

News Notes of Interest Concerning the Ohio School, the Home, Etc.

[News items for this column may be sent to our Ohio News Bureau, care of Mr. A. B. Greener, 936 Franklin Ave., Columbus, O.]

Not much has been said thus far of the forthcoming reunion of the Ohio deaf. It will be held next week, and will in all respects be one of the most important one yet held. Important for the reason that binds the usual attractions at these meetings, the dedication of the Home for the Aged and Infirm Deaf will form one of the features. The reunion takes place August 30th and 31st and September 1st. This is during the State Fair week. When cheap railroad fares are the order, and it is likely the attendance will be very large unless the sudden "wave of prosperity" that has reached the work shops of the land keeps the deaf at their posts. The dedicatory exercises of the Home may however be too tempting for many to forego, and as a consequence we may reasonably anticipate a full average attendance, say two hundred or more. The more that will come, the richer will be the treasury of the Home Fund. Excluding railroad fare, \$2.70 will cover the expenses of each individual while here, and this includes transportation up to Central College and return.

The dedicatory exercises will occur up at the Home on Wednesday afternoon. The JOURNAL will be furnished a full account of the reunion proceedings.

The Cincinnati *Enquirer* on Monday contained the following:

"Yesterday afternoon at three o'clock one of the annex rooms of the Ninth Street Baptist Church was the scene of religious exercises for the benefit of deaf-mutes. The exercises were conducted by the licentiate O. H. Hornung, who for some time past has been conducting undenominational services for deaf-mutes at the Union Gospel Church, Austinburg, across the river. He is closing up his work there, and his intention is to take it up in this city. It was interesting to note how much the deaf-mutes of the little congregation became interested in Rev. Hornung's talk. As he used the sign language, his lips moved at the same, and his face by different expressions revealed his emotions. Some of the deaf-mutes present nodded their heads in assents of any strong point that was made. The preacher's text was taken from John 3:16; "God so loved the world that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

"According to the statistics there are 474 deaf-mutes in Cincinnati, classed as follows: 216 deaf and mute, 255 deaf, but not mute. The majority of the deaf-mutes belong to the Roman Catholic faith."

The trustees of the Institution held an all day session Wednesday, considering bids for the erecting of the new school building. There were twenty-eight bids, and it was no easy matter to go over them all and ascertain the lowest one. Five of the contractors bid on the whole work, and the others only a part. The highest bidder offered to do the work for \$94,278.28. George W. Schneider, of this city, was given the work, as his estimate was the lowest. The building when completed will cost exactly \$69,000.

The position of Engineer was given to Mr. E. J. Sherman, of this city, succeeding Mr. G. S. Grate, who held the place since 1892.

John Aer, claiming to be a native of Scotland, was here recently in quest of work, but not finding any left for other parts with the intention of returning to his native land. He came to this country several years ago, and found employment down in Texas. Hard times threw him out, and finding that his money was giving out came to Chicago, where for a time had a job, but lost it, and then came further East without any better result. He thinks Scotland is a better place for him.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward King are back home from a pleasant ten days' visit at the former's parents in Eaton, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Hines, of Jeffersonville, are entertaining Miss Bell McRedmond, of this city.

Mr. W. H. Grigsby has just completed his ten days' vacation and is back in his old place in the institution. He spent it up at his former home Prospect.

Mr. Clifford Rose also returned from a "lay off," which he spent at

Granville with his mother, Mrs. Helen A. Rose.

Monday Mrs. Samuel W. Corbett, who was visiting here her parents, received a telegram to the effect that her husband was very sick. She immediately left for her home in Bellaire. We hope that Mr. C.'s case is not serious, and that he and Mrs. C. will be able to attend the reunion.

The new green houses are nearly completed. Florist Schwartz has already filled large spaces in a couple of houses with young rose chrysanthemum plants. As soon as the main structure is out of the hands of the carpenters, the tropical plants will be stored in it. Messrs. Black, Marion, Reitman, Clum and Ehelman, have for a couple of weeks been engaged digging a trench north of the school building from the main steam conduit to the Green House. Pipes will be laid in it in which to convey steam to the building.

The heating apparatus throughout the institution building is being improved by the addition of a pipe which will convey back to the boiler the condensed steam. It is claimed this will be a great saving in fuel as well as affording more heat.

The writer accompanied Miss Mary C. Bierce down to Circleville, Wednesday, and enjoyed a drive about the pretty little city. This is Miss Bierce's birthplace, and we were shown the house she was born in, and from which she attended school at the Institution here. This was at a time when railroads had yet to become a factor in transportation, but by the raging canal, she told us, was her custom to go and return from Columbus. By this means, and it took a whole day to make the journey. Now it can be accomplished in an hour. Her father was a trustee of the Institution from 1856 to 1862. He died in 1893 and his remains sleep in the family burial lot in Forest Cemetery, a name typical of the stately forest trees whose branches set in motion by the breezes sing their requiem over the ashes of the dead.

We also had the pleasure of being the guest for a while of Mrs. Dollie Turney, a cousin of Miss Bierce. She is entirely deaf, has never attended a school for the deaf, but carries on conversation entirely by lip reading.

A. B. G.

Aug. 27, '98.

ITEMIZER.

The idea is to gather into this column items that relate to deaf-mutes personally or to institutions for the benefit of deaf-mutes. We hope our friends and readers will keep us supplied with items for this column. Mark items to be sent: *The Itemizer*.

Jacob Scherlin and J. Kiernan, of New York, will go to Buffalo, N. Y., on Labor Day.

Thomas Jamison, of Allentown, a deaf-mute, is working on Mr. Henry Schenck's farm this summer. The former is proud of his bicycle, and is trying to be a champion wheelman.

Mrs. R. E. Siegfried, Mrs. D. Frank and children, of Buffalo, with Mrs. Geo. Crawford, of Delhi, Can., spent Thursday at Niagara Falls, and were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. William Hallett.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell S. Painter was baptized at Grace Episcopal Church, Kansas City, Mo., on the 21st of August, by Rev. Mr. Cloud, receiving the name of Dorothy Earle Painter.

Miss Sarah Sturwald and Mrs. Herman Straub, and her daughter, of Brooklyn, were the guests of Mrs. Henry Schanck in Turkey, N. J., for a month, and returned home last Saturday. Mrs. Straub is the sister of Mrs. Schanck.

Misses Lena and Priscilla Freyberg of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., spent a pleasant Sunday at New Paltz with their mother. They recently had a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Souvine, of New York, and Miss Elnora Rose, and all went by trolley to see the Gallaudet Home.

Mrs. Alexander Meisel and her little son Cyrus are sojourning in the mountains. She is enjoying her summer to the fullest—so much so that she has decided to linger and prolong her vacation until school re-opens. They enjoy every variety of pastime—among others, daily drives, walks along beautiful roads through a charming country, boating, etc. What makes it doubly enjoyable is the fact that she has chanced upon a most charming house as regards proprietor and guests—exceedingly hospitable and congenial—she feels quite at home. Her elder son Samuel spent two weeks with his uncle Martin, among the Adirondacks, Lakes George and Champlain, stopping three days at Saratoga. He is not yet through telling of the great wonders he has seen in that beautiful and historic district.

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Commencement of School, October 1st. —Adm.

FANWOOD.

School to be Re-opened,
September 21st.

SOME OF THE IMPROVE-
MENTS MADE.

A "Ghost"—The Wheel and
Some of 'Em Who Ride—
Vacation Notes.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

School which closed one week later than usual, will re-open on September 21st. Extensive repairs and improvements have been made here.

The school building, as well as the main building, have been, literary speaking, in the hands of workmen, and when they are through, the buildings will be in a better shape than at any time since they were erected over forty years ago.

Both the boys' and girls' sides have been repainted from top to bottom, and every other needed improvement made.

The Academic building has also received attention, and both teachers and pupils will be agreeably surprised to note how well the class rooms, as well as the halls, have been transformed; indeed it looks like a new building.

The greatest surprise, perhaps, will be noted in both the boys' and girls' sitting rooms. It was in these rooms that the painters gave most of their attention. The walls and ceilings were in a bad way. Now, any one can at a glance notice the artistic work. The tables have been varnished, ditto the gun cases in the boys' room.

The greatest improvement will be noticed in the infirmary, for it is here that the special attention was given, and as a consequence all the walls and ceilings in the wards have been re-painted, the floors carpeted with linoleum, and new bedsteads of latest designs. In fact, everything has the appearance of newness.

The teachers' and officers' quarters on the second floor have also received attention.

On the first floor a new parquet floor has been laid, which adds elegance to the scene all around it. These blocks, after being waxed, resemble marble, but are of wood of a durable kind, being guaranteed for twenty-five years.

The ground floor or basement, where the teachers' dining room is, the kitchen, etc., is at this writing, receiving due attention at the hands of the painters.

All these and other repairs and improvements will cost thousands of dollars, but they were much needed to put the school in the front rank of modern schools recently established, for Fanwood must never be second to any.

The graduates who have been calling this institution "Old Fanwood," on account of being the oldest in the State, and second, by a few months, in America, to be chartered and opened for the admission of pupils, will, on visiting the school, think Fanwood has not only improved, but also grown younger.

And the conditions of admission are better now than years ago. To-day all deaf of the State are admitted free, and all on equal footing—no favoritism is accorded any one. All the pupils are uniformed—the boys in West Point Cadet grey, and the girls in navy blue.

It can truthfully be said that the New York Institution, commonly known as "Fanwood," has made great progress towards introducing the latest and best improvements known, under the management of Principal Currier.

Rose Donnelly, one of the domestics employed here, on Thursday evening after supper went out for a walk. There was nothing strange about this, for she often, as many others, had done so many times before, but on this particular evening something occurred to disturb Rose Donnelly's walk. She was out with another girl also employed here as a domestic. It was after nine o'clock, and they were returning to the Institution from their walk. One of the hired hands, Neil Byrnes, knew of this, and thought of playing a practical joke on them. He must have been reading ghost stories, perhaps "Hamlet," for he obtained a sheet, and wrapping himself up in it he awaited the approach of the girls.

Rose Donnelly is only eighteen years old and of superstitious turn of mind, especially about spirits. As she approached the spot where the "ghost" was in hiding, she began to tremble. Just then the "ghost" came out from its hiding, and in a spirit-like voice said: "I have come for thee."

Rose screamed and ran away, thinking that it really was a ghost. She looked back only once while fleeing, and seeing the "ghost"

pursuing her, her strength gave out, and she fell in a "swoon." Just then a policeman, who had heard Rose's scream, arrived on the scene, in time only to see the "ghost" running away.

The policeman summoned an ambulance and had Rose Donnelly removed to J. Hood Wright Memorial Hospital, where she soon revived and later returned to the Institution. The next morning she attended to her duties as usual.

The "joker," who caused all this unnecessary trouble, was the next morning discharged.

The daily press had sensational reports of the affair. They had it that the joker was a pupil named O'Brien. There is no pupil by the name of O'Brien staying at the Institution this summer.

Friday night Rosa Donnelly had a dream of the "ghost," and fainted several times. She has been sent to her home.

People living on the Heights, especially the deaf residents, who take pleasure in wheeling, will no doubt be glad to learn that at last the trench on Kingsbridge Road is to be filled up. On Thursday last Justice McAdams in the Supreme Court granted the application of Thomas Bailey for a writ of peremptory mandamus to compel Commissioner of Highways Keating to fill up the trench, which was dug several years ago from 162d to 182d Streets, along Kingsbridge Road, for the extension of the Third Avenue Railroad. The franchise for the extension was held to be illegal, and the trench, which has been left in the same condition ever since it was dug, has become a nuisance.

The Justice gives the Commissioner thirty days within which to commence the work of restoring the roadway to its original condition.

Principal Currier after attending to the two Conventions, in Washington and Columbus, went to Essex, N. Y., to get some needed rest before school re-opens, but on Monday he re-appeared here to attend to several important duties.

Miss Louise E. Hobbs, Matron of the Linen Room, has returned from her vacation, spent at Asbury Park, N. J. She made the acquaintance of Founder Bradley, Old Neptune, and the hot rays of the sun, and looks tanned.

Miss Mary Lewis, Matron of the Laundry, has also returned from her vacation, which was spent in the mountains.

Prof. Fox is back from a short stay at the Catskills. Four days of his stay there were spent on his back—in bed. Except for this, he enjoyed himself up there. He looks well.

Prof. W. G. Jones and family will fold their tent, pack up their belongings from the sandy shore of Uncle Sam at Highland Beach, N. J., to-day, and return to civilized New York.

Physical Director T. G. Cook is back again from Chautauque, N. Y., where he was for five weeks.

The girls were given a treat in the shape of a trip to Glen Island last Wednesday.

Mrs. Loser, the Housekeeper and Miss Mary Lewis, Matron of the Laundry spent the Sabbath very quietly at Ocean Grove, N. J.

Misses Core and Makinson, two of the tutors of the girls, have returned from a month's vacation in a quiet section of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Judging by the frequent visits to the repair shops by our latest bicycle converts, business must be good with the gents who repair wheels.

Below a few items concerning wheels and wheeling may interest some of the readers:

John Henry Keiser, Captain of Company A, Fanwood Cadets, has had his "Spalding" bicycle geared at 88. It was formerly 72.

Sergeant-Major Belch is fast becoming a scorching and fancy rider. He has had his wheel enameled, and now it looks as well as new.

Miss Divine, who required the help of three girls to learn to ride, can now ride all right.

The name of the wheel owned by Mr. Charles W. Van Tassel, Jr., is a "Cleveland." The only gas lamp hereabouts is also owned by him. When the boys are at work he takes frequent spins in and around the place.

Henry Muench's "Racycle" has been so altered that no one would now recognize it as the same of a month ago. He is at home when on the machine, and greatly enjoys the pleasure derived from riding.

ROCHESTER.

Rev. and Mrs. Dantzer tendered a birthday party in honor of their oldest son Orvis, at their home, where a number of the children attended, and enjoyed a pleasant afternoon from 3 to 6 o'clock. He was made the happy recipient of a number of presents from the children, and received the congratulations and good wishes of all. The happy little people eagerly enjoying the good things to eat, and merry games made a complete picture of happiness.

Mrs. Connerton (nee Miss Bridget Henry), of Troy, took advantage of an excursion and was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. William Gibbs, where she stopped at Geneva on her way home, visiting friends and relatives. She has much changed but was accorded a hearty greeting by all her friends.

Miss Ella Humphrey has returned home from a few days' visit to Corfu, as the guest of Miss Florence Thayer.

Miss Gana Finch, of Auburn, who was present, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wackerman (nee Maggie Stachel), remained for a week. She does housework for Mr. and Mrs. Pimm.

Mr. and Mrs. William Gibbs are now on a visit to Sodus Bay. Their sojourn may be limited to about a couple of weeks.

Mr. Joseph Patten, of Savannah, met with a serious fall while riding on his wheel. He was speeding homeward to avoid being caught in the rain. He lost his balance and fell, receiving a bad cut about his knee. Medical attendance was obtained, and at the present writing he is resting as comfortable as could be expected.

Mr. Clarence Parks, of Geneva, favored Mr. Charles Critchley with a call last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Colgan, of Binghamton, are expected in this city, the coming week. They will come down on an excursion.

Miss Lulu Wackerman has returned home from Long Point, where she spent a month at the cottage with the sister of the writer. She enjoyed herself very much in rowing and bathing.

Mr. Jesse Dutton, who is employed at the Rochester School as a painter, was married to Miss Jeans recently. A reception was held immediately after the ceremony at the new home of the happy couple on Contey Avenue. They were made happy by the receipt of many useful presents, among them being a handsome stove from Dr. Westervelt. The bride's only brother, aged 21 years, returned home from the war to attend the wedding.

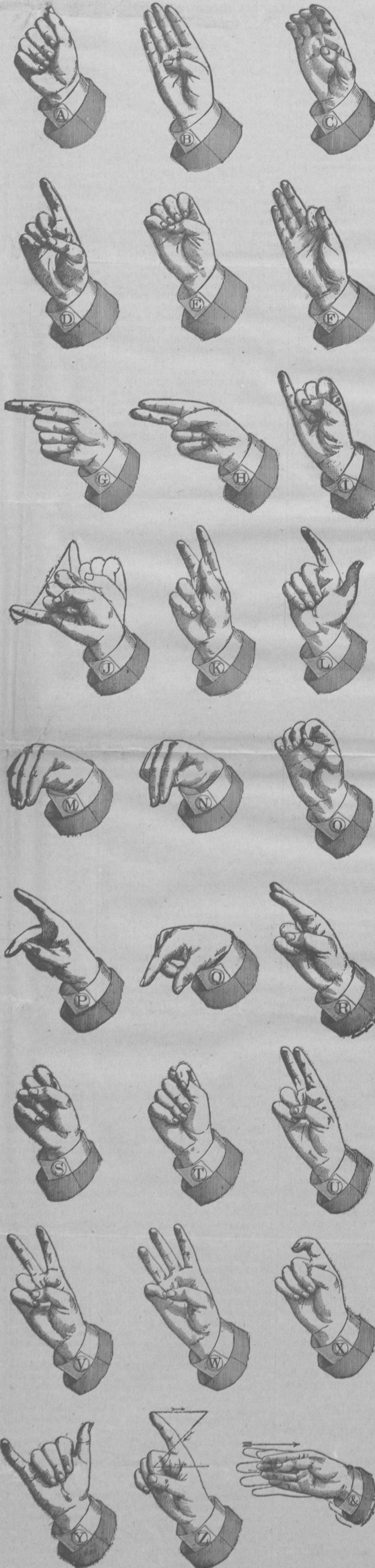
Miss Clarke, of Nicholson, Pa., is in Rochester, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Goodison, and expects to prolong her stay indefinitely.

Last Friday, August 19th, a party was tendered to Mr. Stevens, in honor of his birthday, at the residence of his parents. The evening was pleasantly spent in a round of social intercourse. He was made the happy recipient of a number of presents, and felt much pleased to be so kindly remembered by his friends. At the beginning of the evening, the guests gathered about the table, and while in the act of playing whist, a flashlight picture was taken by Mr. Stevens' father. Among those present were the following: Rev. and Mrs. Dantzer, the mother of Rev. Mr. Dantzer, Messrs. Davis Brown, and Misses Humphrey, Lanes and Wackerman.

Fire broke out at the store of Mr. George Davis' father, July 3d last, caused, it is said, by explosion of fireworks, supposed to have been caused by some unknown person, who purposely dropped a lighted cigar on the firecrackers, which resulted in a loss of about \$3000. The fire spread very rapidly. The fire had its origin in a stand in front of the store, where was placed a large stock of fireworks of all kinds. My pen fails to give a true description of the magnificent exhibition of the different colors that could be seen miles away. The shoe store next to Mr. Davis' also caught fire and resulted in a loss of \$10,000. The drygoods store of Francis Fitzgibbons, the millinery store and the hair dressing establishment, also were damaged from the fire. Mr. Davis had an insurance, but it is not known if it will cover the loss. Mr. George Davis intended to go to Buffalo, to be the guest of Mr. George Partour on the Fourth, but of course, he did not go, as he felt the loss, being part owner with his father.

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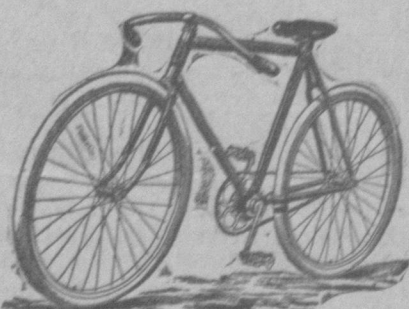
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